REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1–22 were originally presented and claims 23–24 are added by this paper. The claim identifiers recited herein are not to be construed with Applicants' acquiesce to the pending restriction requirement. Should the restriction requirement be withdrawn, either partially or entirely, the status of the claims will be amended to reflect such changes.

Use claims

Claims 1–8 are converted into US process claims. These amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims. The claims are directed to method of using the molecules of the instant invention. The Examiner is respectfully requested to examine the claims on the merits.

Amendments

The claims have been amended to use language in accordance with conventional US practice and to correct obvious typographical errors.

The subject matter cancelled from claims 12 and 13 are recited in new claims 23 and 24, respectively.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not recite new matter nor do they narrow the scope of the claims. Entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 14, 2008, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I (claims 9–14), drawn to a process for digestion of cells.

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed insofar as the Office Action has not demonstrated that an undue searching burden would be required to examine all groups and certainly not to examine at least more than one of the groups. "If search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner <u>must</u> examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct invention." (Emphasis added.) See, M.P.E.P. §803.

Should the Restriction Requirement still be maintained, Applicants will seek reentry of any withdrawn claims once allowable subject matter has been determined.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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